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Telugu pandits in High Schools.

* 332 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri V. Chidanandam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether orders have been issued that Telugu pandits in High Schools can appear for the S.S.L.C. Public Examination privately for March 1953 only and not afterwards, and if so, the reasons therefor;

(*b*) whether the order has been communicated to all High Schools and when; and

(*c*) if not, what steps have been taken to make it known to the pandits?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) to (*c*) The reference is apparently to the provision in the S.S.L.C. Scheme allowing trained teachers and other members of the teaching profession including pandits with a service of at least 3 years and with the qualifications prescribed in the Madras Educational Rules to appear as private candidates for the S.S.L.C. Public Examination, dispensing with the production of school attendance and records.

This was a concession which was specially allowed to teachers and pandits up to the Examination of March 1953. The Rules were published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

This concession has been extended for another period of 3 years, i.e., till March 1956."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY:—" Does this concession apply to Tamil pandits also?"

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" It applies to all pandits, Sir."

Cases filed under the Civil Disabilities Act.

* 337 *Q.*—Sri M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the working of the Civil Disabilities Act is annually reviewed; and

(*b*) the number of cases filed under the Act in each district up to 30th June 1952?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) The Act is being reviewed annually in the Annual Administration Report of the Harijan Welfare department.

" (*b*) The number of cases filed under the Act in each district up to 30th June 1952 is as follows:—

Bellary	1
Malabar	3
Madurai	62

Ramanathapuram	8
South Kanara	12
Tanjore	1
Tirunelveli	6
Tiruchirappalli	6
Visakhapatnam	1
Srikakulam	1
Other districts	Nil "

8-40 a.m. SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO:—" Sir, are the Government aware of the fact that this Act is not properly enforced, and in view of this, will the Government issue necessary instructions to the officers concerned to enforce the Act properly? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" Necessary instructions have already been issued and will be issued from time to time."

SRI O. VENKATASUBBA REDDI:—" Sir, in view of the fact that the disabilities are still existing, will the Government consider the question of amending the Act? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" There is provision for giving greater help in the matter; but the success of the Act depends largely on the awakening among the people and co-operation from the non-Harijans."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN:—" What are the reasons, Sir, for the top priority given to Madurai and Madurai taking the lead? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" There is the Harijan Sevak Sangh and also a Special Officer of the All-India Harijan Sevak Sangh there for this purpose."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN:—" May I know what steps the Government are taking for giving publicity to this Act in the mufassal parts? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" Every effort is being made to give due publicity."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH:—" ప్రభుత్వోద్యోగులలో అధికసంఖ్యాకులు పెద్దకులాలవారు కనుక, అగ్రవర్ణజులు Civil Disabilities Act ను పాటించకపోయినను, ఎటువంటి చర్యలు తీసుకొనుట లేదనే విషయం మంత్రిగారికి తెలుసా ? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" పెద్దకులాలవారి మనస్సులలో మార్పురానిదే ఈ చట్టం అమలుజరపడం కష్టమనే విషయం గౌరవ సభ్యులకు తెలియనిది కాదు."